

Posable Army Man

A Paracord How-to



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Step 1

Cut two pieces of paracord, one 22" and the other 45". Remove the center strands and save for optional hair and parachute. Cut two pieces of 22 gauge wire the same lengths.



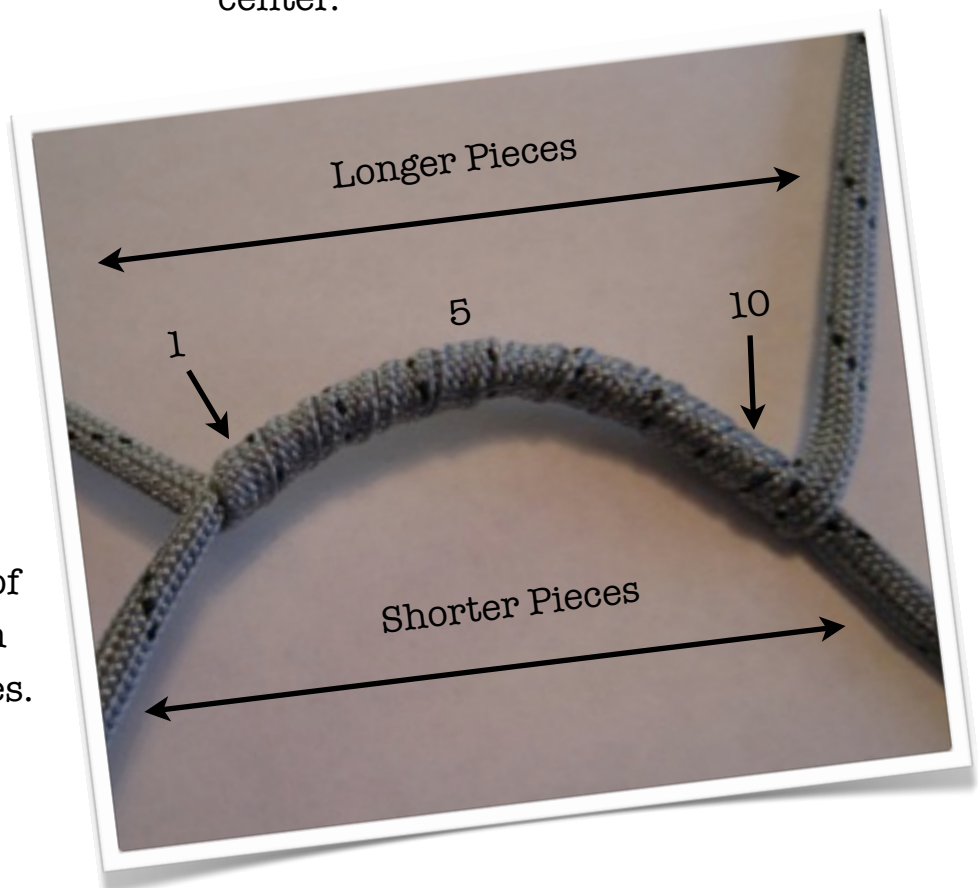
Step 2

Use a lighter to melt one end of each paracord outer sheathing and insert the corresponding length of wire in the center. Stretch the paracord along the wire and melt the other end of the paracord sealing the wire inside. Fold each length in half to find the center.



Step 3

Wrap the 45" piece around the 22" piece to form the head. Wrap the right side 5 times and the left side 5 times. There should be a total of 10 wraps between the two long pieces.





You can optionally add in hair in step 3. Take the 22" center strands and cut them in half. A good amount is 6 groups of 5 strands each. This



will leave two wraps without hair on each side of the head. Fold a group of 5 in half and put those in the first wrap. Do two more on the right side and then three more on the left side. Use a little CA glue at the roots to hold the hair in place.

Step 4

Fold the head around and shape. Overlap pieces as shown.



Then weave the four pieces together. Be sure to keep the head tight, so the head wraps meet in the center. When finished, the shorter pieces

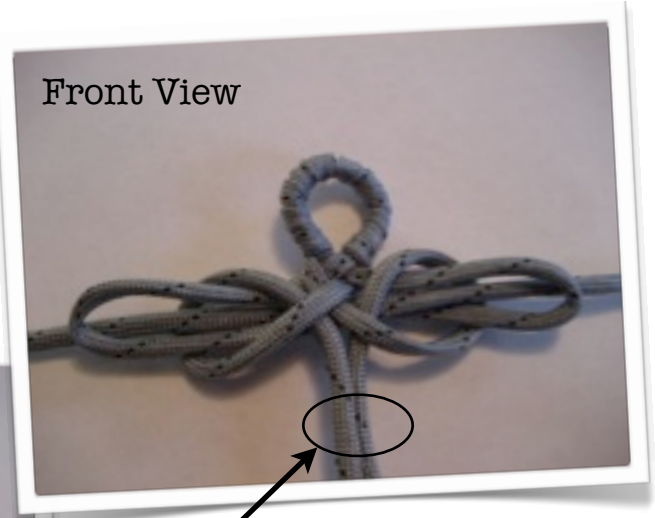
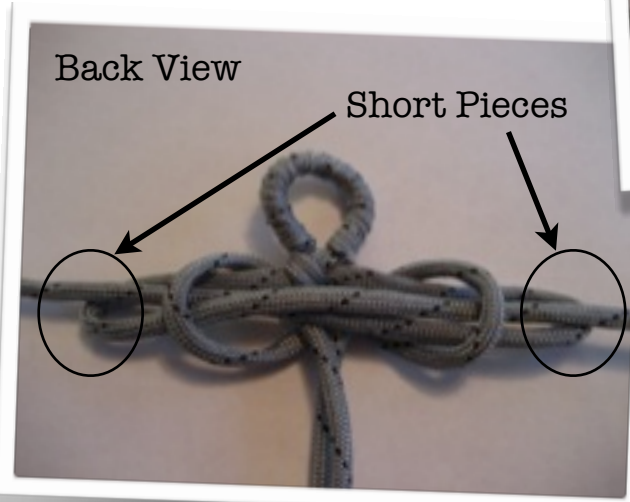


should be on top with the longer pieces on the bottom.



Step 5

Fold the top short pieces back on themselves as shown. Wrap the long pieces around the arms as shown.

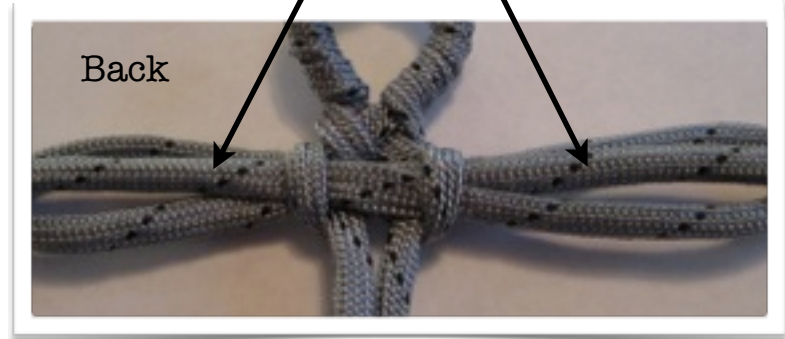
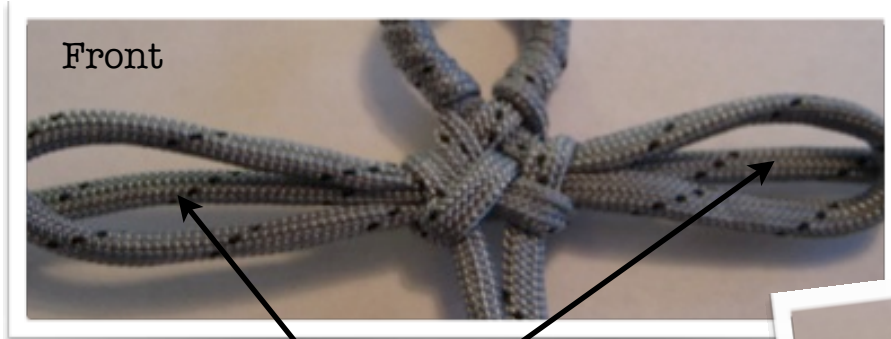


Long Pieces

Step 6

Tighten the long pieces around the arms. Notice how the extensions that are wrapped in the arm fall behind and in the center of the arm loops when viewed from the front.

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Extensions

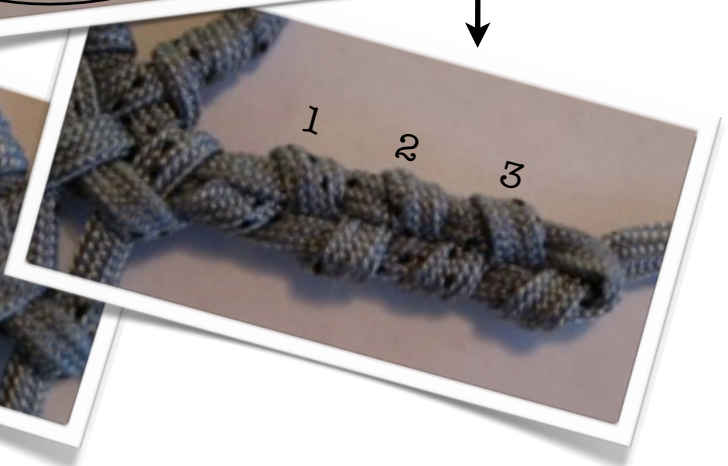
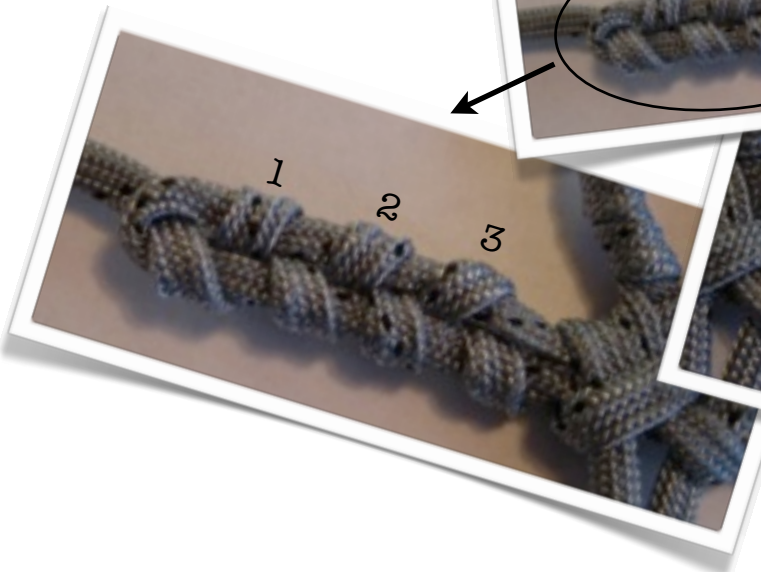
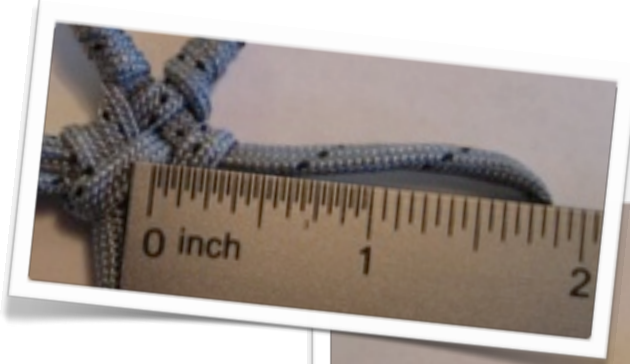


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Adjust the arm loops to a length of 1 7/8" from the center of the head.

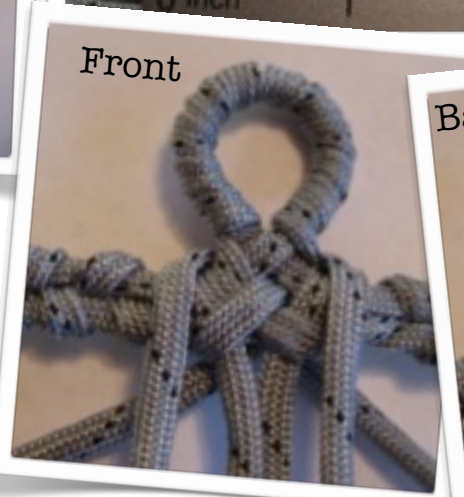
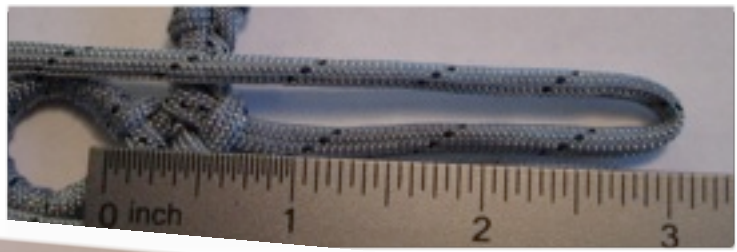
Starting from the bottom, weave the extensions into the arms on both sides as shown.

There should be 3 wraps on the top of each arm.



Step 8

Form the legs and set to a length of 3 1/8" from the inside bottom of the head. Wrap the pieces in the back with a criss-cross.



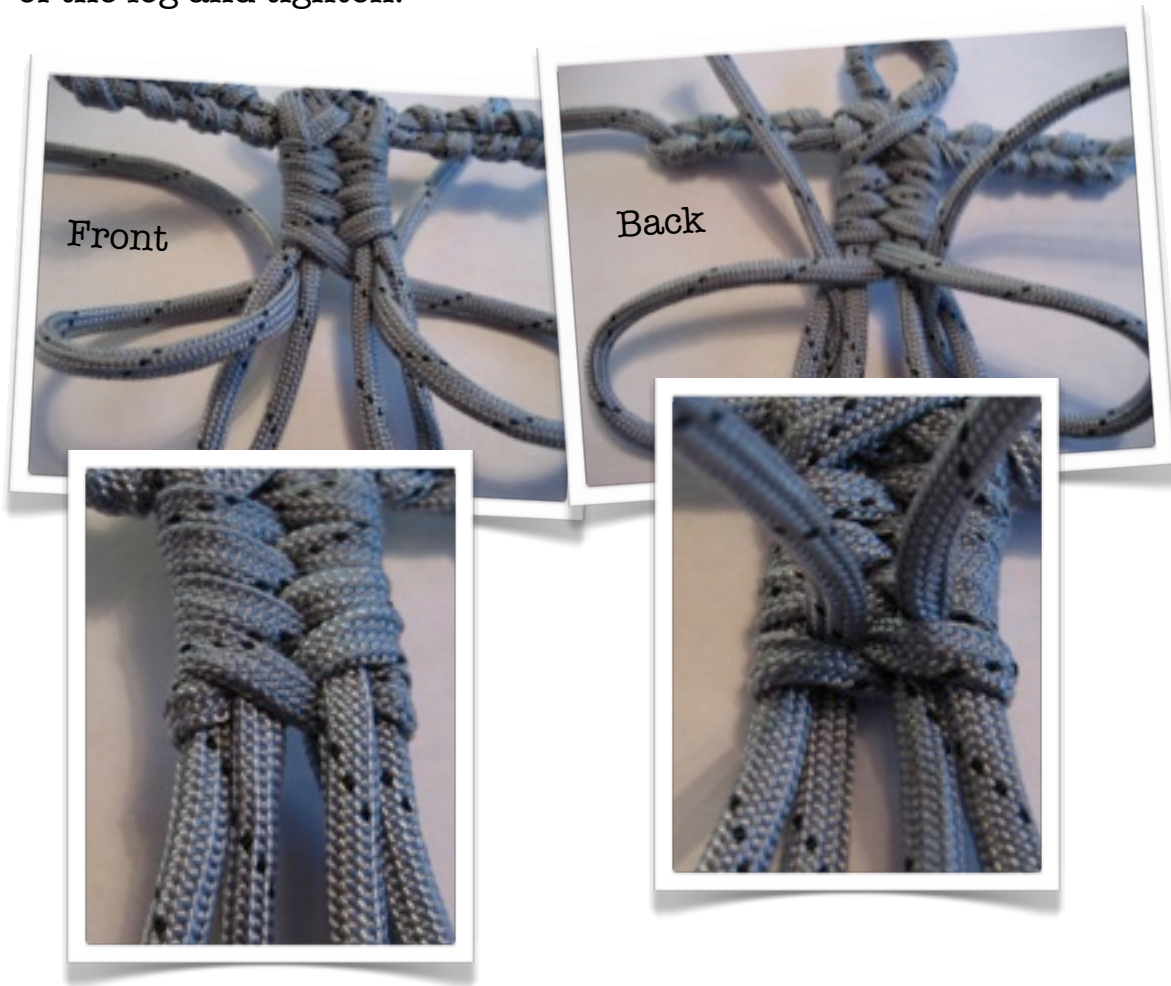
Step 9

Wrap the cord around the legs interweaving them until there are 4 wraps as shown. Grab the legs and tighten the waist weave by sliding it toward the head.



Step 10

Lock the waist in place by wrapping the cord around the outside half of the leg and tighten.



Step 11

Start the leg weave.



Step 12

Weave the legs making 4 wraps on the outside of the leg, not counting the starting wrap, as shown.

Notice how the wrap pieces for the legs finish pointing out the back and to the outside and the wraps for the arms finish pointing out the back and upward.



Step 13

Finish the arms and legs by cutting the end pieces about 1/4" from the body. Trim back the wire inside and then melt the

cord and flatten using a lighter.



Trim wire



Step Done

The finished Army Man.



Credit

I give credit for the posable army man to “seamster” on Instructables at the following link:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Poseable-Army-Men/>

This is my own design of “seamster’s” concept and is slightly different in appearance.